Shots - number - see Walter Cronkite HH

1/19/76

Dear Howard,

This request is really for a reporter friend whose career is not furthered by association with me.

Would you please ask Secret Service under FOIA for any recording made by any means by or for but not limited to the White House, the Secret Service or the Signal Corps or any other government unit; or provided to any of the foregoing by anyone at any time, of the shots fired during the JFK assassination?

Ask also if they can refer you to any or other SS/docs at the Archives on this.

Some years ago I came accross a radio station's re-enactment that was not for real according to what I remember. I had a complete filex that is now among the missing or misfiled. But I believe you also had some correspondence with was his name Kerstra? I have it.

You might also ask if any such recording was ever played for or to anyone in the SS.

I know you are busy, so this is for when you can.

The little that is new: Ray oral arguments before 6th circuit 2/3.

We have a calendar call on C.A. 75-1996 Wednesday. Jim is going to announce his intention of moving for compilation and filing of an inventory of the MLK files. We filed an added request and he wants to give them time to exhaust us in exhausting our administrative remedies. We will decide tomorrow whether to be ready for the forcing of issues now, by an affidavit from me or by asking that testimony be taken from me.

Was in NYC briefly. Syvia sends her reads and says she now would to almost none. She is weary, unwell and going to retire I think she said next year.

We'll soon have to prepare for C.A. 75-1448, on remaining ex. sess. transcripts. They have responded to our interrogatories. Helpfully, meaning deceitfully. Under oath, of course. We need Rhoads' testimony before the Abzug committee. No response to my last request, which is not the first.

CIA's time for response to my appeal expired Friday. No word. It appears that they regard court as the lesser evil. After Jim is past oral argument I'm going to siggest a simple complaint to which I attach a general affidavit alleging that the CIA has stonewalled on this from 1971; that it has and to its knowledhe has filed it has not included and has files it knows it should have searched and hasn't; and has given spurious explanations for some of what it admits withholding because I have copies by other means; and that were I to let CIA know what I have, which is voluminous, they'd with this and their public record belatedly admit to that an no more.

Hastily,